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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PROVIDING OPTIMIZED HIGH

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE PURSUANT TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED MARCH 10, 2004

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Sir:

In response to the office communication mailed March 10, 2004 please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Presentation of the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including a declaration of Stuart T. Langley under 37 CFR 1.130 is attached following page 10 of this paper.